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SUBJECT: SOVIET CITIZEN CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE

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B. STATE 84534

1. AT A MEETING TODAY, APRIL 13, THE CHIEF OF CROATIAN PROTOCOL CONFIRMED TO ME THAT A SOVIET SPY HAS BEEN DETAINED FOR THE PAST FOUR MONTHS AND THAT HER TRIAL WOULD TAKE PLACE IN APRIL. HE MENTIONED THAT SHE HAD MARRIED A YUGOSLAV CITIZEN, WAS DIVORCED, AND IS NOW A DUAL NATIONAL.

2. ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, THE DECISION OF THE COURT (PRESUMABLY IF FOUND GUILTY) WILL BE REPORTED IN THE PRESS WITH NO REFERENCE HOWEVER TO THE FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR WHOM ESPIONAGE WAS CONDUCTED. HE CLAIMED THAT IT IS NORMAL PRACTICE IN YUGO-SLAVIA, AND FOR THAT MATTER IN WESTERN EUROPE, NOT TO ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY THE FOREIGN COUNTRY INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES. HE SMILINGLY ADDED THAT, "WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF THE RUSSIANS. WE HAVE TO PROTECT OURSELVES, AND THEREFORE WE PROSECUTE SPIES EVEN IF WE DO NOT ANNOUNCE PBLICLY THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED." WITHOUT MENTIONING SEDMAK BY NAME, HE RECALLED THAT IN THE SEDMAK CASE, THE YUGOSLAVS HAD MADE NO PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THE U.S.

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3. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TWO OR THREE SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN ZAGREB WERE APPARENTLY IMPLICATED. ONE SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICIAL WHOSE NAME CAME UP IN THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES, HAD LEFT A YEAR AGO. HE SAID THE FORMER SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL SEPELJEV HAD NOT BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED BUT PRESUMABLY WAS AWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. KAISER

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